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SPPD Statement on Police & Community Interaction

SEAT PLEASANT, MD. - Earlier this week, the Seat Pleasant Police Department responded to an inquiry from the news media regarding officers' actions related to a 2017 traffic stop. While the Department cannot comment on matters that are currently being litigated, it is important to note that all civil lawsuits are impartially and thoroughly reviewed externally. This litigation is being handled by the City's legal representation Local Government Insurance Trust.

The Seat Pleasant Police Department is committed to upholding the highest standards of law enforcement for "A Smart City of Excellence." Every City resident deserves policing that is responsive, respectful, and most importantly, constitutional. When our citizens feel mistreated, by officers, those incidents are investigated and addressed accordingly.

Chief Devan A. Martin stated, "When the opportunity exists to coach, motivate and train employees, the Department will spare no expense to do so, but when it becomes evident that retaining a specific employee is no longer a viable option, the Department will move forward with separation procedures to help those employees be successful elsewhere."

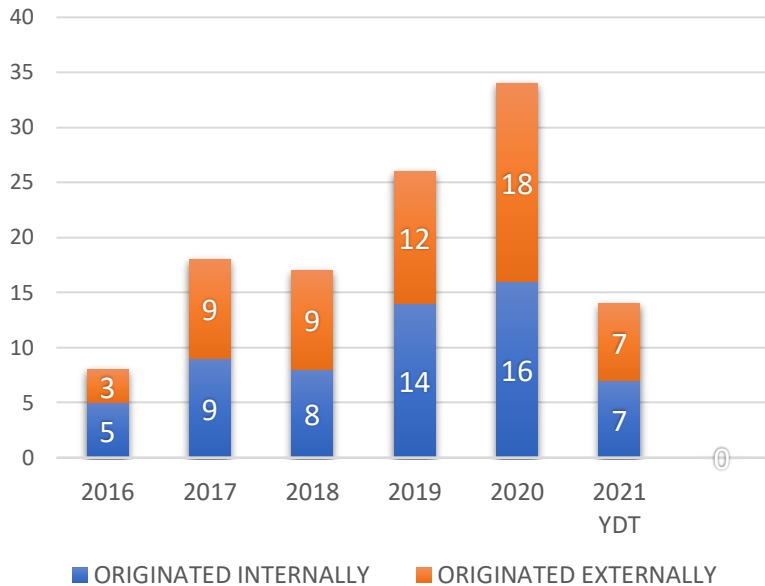
Deputy Chief Robert J. Ploof stated, "As a part of the Department's long-standing effort to be responsive, and transparent, we are releasing statistics on current lawsuits against the Department, a summary of sustained complaints and actions taken against sworn employees. The data demonstrates that the Department sustained 76 internal affairs investigations from 2016 to 2021. Currently, only 12 investigations remain active. Most of those investigations were originated internally. These investigations range from performance matters such as attendance, to acts of misconduct. Presently, the Department is litigating one (1) incident related to a 2017 traffic stop."

We encourage members of the community to share any concerns involving any police interaction to contact the Seat Pleasant Police Department's Office of Professional Responsibility at opr@seatpleasantmd.gov.

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POLICY VIOLATIONS & PERFORMANCE ISSUES MANAGED AT SQUAD LEVEL



DISCIPLINARY ACTION BREAKDOWN 2016 - 2021 YTD

